

# Duette® Architella® Federal Tax Credit Opportunity



## Frequently Asked Questions

While customers should review the Manufacturer's Certification Statements available at [www.hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit](http://www.hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit) for specific qualifying product details and restrictions, and also consult with their tax advisor to determine other eligibility requirements for claiming this particular Federal Tax Credit Opportunity, below are answers to some commonly asked questions.

- 1 What is the Federal Tax Credit for Energy Efficiency?** The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 reinstated for 2016 the federal tax credits on select energy efficient products. The products must be purchased and installed by December 31, 2016.
- 2 Which Hunter Douglas products currently qualify for the Federal Tax Credit?** Certain Alustra® Duette® Architella® and Duette Architella honeycomb shades with qualifying fabrics and lifting systems that are inside mounted in an existing home over double glazed windows. The products must be purchased between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 and must be installed by December 31, 2016. For specific details and restrictions, refer to the Manufacturer's Certification Statements for each product at [www.hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit](http://www.hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit).
- 3 How much is the Federal Tax Credit?** Qualifying products are eligible for a tax credit of 10% of the cost, up to \$500 in total during the 2016 tax year. \$500 is the maximum combined total amount that can be claimed for all purchases of qualifying energy efficient products placed in service during this period and is subject to reduction in the amount of Section 25C tax credits taken in prior years. The tax credit for your qualifying Hunter Douglas product is 10% of the purchase price to you for the product only (excluding sales tax, measuring and installation charges), up to \$500. The tax credit is subject to a lifetime limitation of \$500. If you take advantage of any Hunter Douglas or other rebate program and you receive a rebate on your purchase price, you must reduce the amount that you compute the credit on by the rebate received. Ask the dealer to provide an itemized bill for the purchase of the qualifying product. You should reduce that amount by any rebate received and any sales tax paid.
- 4 Is the \$500 Federal Tax Credit for each product I buy in 2016?** Even if you purchase multiple qualifying products you can only get a maximum of \$500 federal tax credit during the 2016 tax year. Basically, you can spend up to \$5,000 during the year on a single product or multiple products, and get 10% or \$500 (10% of \$5,000 = \$500) back as a federal tax credit. However, the 2016 tax credit amount is reduced by Section 25C federal tax credits you have taken in prior years. Consult with your tax advisor to determine your eligibility for this federal tax credit.
- 5 What is the time frame during which tax credits can be earned on qualifying Hunter Douglas products?** The qualifying Duette Architella honeycomb shades must be purchased and installed by December 31, 2016, for existing homes, not new construction. Manufacturer's Certification Statements must apply to corresponding receipt purchase dates. The home must be considered your principal residence. Consult your tax advisor for further details.
- 6 Are installation costs for my qualifying Hunter Douglas products covered by the tax credits?** The federal tax credit applies to the product purchase price only and does not cover the installation/labor costs for measuring or installing your qualifying Duette Architella shade.
- 7 What tax form do I need to submit for this special Federal Tax Credit?** To claim the federal tax credit, you will need to complete the applicable IRS forms and submit them with your 2016 tax returns. The credit is usually taken on Form 5695. However, the IRS has not yet issued this form for 2016, so you should consult your tax advisor as to the correct 2016 form to file or visit the IRS website. Also, save your receipts and the Manufacturer's Certification Statement for your records.
- 8 What is a Manufacturer's Certification Statement?** A Manufacturer's Certification Statement is a signed statement from the manufacturer certifying that the product or component qualifies for the federal tax credit and which includes specific product details and restrictions. The Hunter Douglas Manufacturer's Certification Statements can be accessed at [www.hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit](http://www.hunterdouglas.com/taxcredit).
- 9 When purchasing a Duette honeycomb shade with the Duolite™ design option, which combinations of fabrics qualify for the energy tax credit?** Any qualifying Duette Architella or qualifying Alustra Duette Architella fabric, used in combination with each other, will qualify for the federal tax credit.

\* The tax credit for 2016 is subject to a lifetime limitation of \$500 and a reduction for the amount of Section 25C credits taken in prior years. It is recommended that you consult your tax advisor regarding your individual tax situation and your ability to claim this tax credit.

